

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Public Health Department,
Northern Secondary School,
Mayfield Road,
PORTSMOUTH.

March, 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the Port Sanitary Authority.

Mesdames and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report of the work of the Port Sanitary Authority of Portsmouth during the year 1941.

The total number of foreign and coastwise ships entering the port last year again shows a marked decrease as compared with the previous year.

There were no cases of infectious disease reported in the area during the year.

I desire to express my thanks to the King's Harbour Master and to H.M. Collector of Customs and staff for their cordial co-operation and valuable assistance during the year.

It is again my pleasure to record my appreciation of the excellent service readily and willingly given me by the Port Sanitary Inspector.

To the Chairman and Members of the Portsmouth Port Sanitary Authority my thanks are due for their unfailing sympathy and support in all matters relating to Port Sanitation throughout the year.

JURISDICTION OF THE PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY

There has been no change in the limits of the jurisdiction of the Port Sanitary Authority.

I. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR 1941.

TABLE A.

	No. Inspected by		No. of Vessels found defective	No. of Vessels on which defects were remedied	No. of Vessels with in- fectious disease.
	M.O.H.	P.S.I.			
Total	-	120	24	24	Nil

II. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT

CARGO TRAFFIC. The principal imports were coal, cement, stone and oil.

See over.

III. SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY

The water used in the Docks is supplied by the Portsmouth Water Company. Vessels in dock are supplied from hydrants from the same source. There are two water boats ("Fenna" and "Eclair") in use. These are both in good sanitary condition, and are periodically inspected.

With regard to the supply of drinking water to ships arriving at and leaving the port, the precautions as indicated in previous reports are taken before water is supplied.

IV. PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS, 1933

- (1) Arrangements for dealing with Declarations of Health have been continued as in previous years.
- (2) The telegraphic address is "Portelth, Portsmouth".
- (3) Mooring Stations are as indicated previously, subject to variation by the C-in-C owing to war conditions.
- (4) Cases of dangerous infectious disease are removed to the smallpox hospital at Elson.

All other cases of infectious disease are removed to the City Infectious Diseases Hospital by means of the Corporation Motor Ambulance Service.

Contacts of infectious disease cases are dealt with as indicated in previous reports.

TABLE C.

There were no cases of infectious diseases landed from Vessels.

TABLE D.

There were no cases of infectious diseases occurring upon the voyage, but disposed of prior to the vessel's arrival.

V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS

Rat-guards are in use on mooring ropes.

TABLE E.

No rats were destroyed during the year in vessels.

TABLE F.

No rats were destroyed in Docks, Quays, Wharves, Warehouses, during the year.

VI. HYGIENE OF CREW'S SPACES

TABLE J.

No. Inspected during yr.1941	Defects of original Construction	Dirt, vermin and other conditions pred. to health
120	Nil	24

VII. FOOD INSPECTIONS

The importations of food-stuffs are small in amount, these being chiefly potatoes, flour, sugar and tinned foods. During the year no adverse reports were made by the Meat Inspector.

SHELL-FISH - There is one oyster-laying in Langstone Harbour, but as the Harbour is liable to pollution from the sewage outfall, no oysters are put on the market.

During the year no action was taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, the Public Health (Preservatives etc., in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1939, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926, and the Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations, 1934.

The number of livestock landed at the docks from the Isle of Wight was 3932 (Horses 31, Cattle 215, Calves 221, Sheep 1894, Pigs 1571). During the inspections of livestock no clinical evidence of the existence of any contagious and notifiable animal diseases was found.

I have the honour to be,
Mesdames and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

A. B. WILLIAMSON, M.D.

Medical Officer of Health,
City and Port of Portsmouth.

THE INVESTIGATION

The investigation of the case of the death of the young man, who was killed by a car, is being conducted by the police. The case is being handled by the police, and the investigation is being conducted by the police.

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I have the honor to be,
Sincerely,
Your obedient servant.

J. J. [Name], N.D.

Very truly yours,
J. J. [Name]